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Memo for DDS from Blake 10 Sept 64

Subj: Availability of [redacted]
for Reassignment

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Subj raised 13 Aug 1964 and agreed 17 August; however immediately after the Director levied 2 tasks on DDS&T: (1) SKYLARK and (2)

"b. to prepare immediately a plan of action to equip this Agency with a capability to exercise technical direction, as well as contract management, of the CORONA Program. An essential ingredient in this plan is the establishment of a [redacted]

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[redacted] composed of technical, security, and contract management people. Another directive is to transfer CORONA contract management from OSA headquarters to this [redacted]

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Therefore must withdraw from previous commitment to allow transfer of [redacted] at this time.

While the DCI has not as yet successfully concluded his negotiations with NRO whereby CIA will recover technical direction of the CORONA Program, we are under obligation to proceed with the development of the plans. Because of [redacted] tenure at the [redacted] his knowledge and familiarity with the officers of NRO Program A involved and his general familiarity with the undertaking it is mandatory that he remain in place and assume the corona contract management.

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NRO review(s) completed.